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OVER 200,000 MORE WILL BE RELEASED BY ARMY

More Than 800,000 Designated to be Discharged As Soon As Practicable, General March Says—Pershing to Send Back 140,000 Officers and Men From France Soon

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Demobilization in the United States is now proceeding at the rate of 15,000 men per day. General March announced today that it is anticipated that a rate of 20,000 a day will be reached when the full momentum is attained.

The war department has now designated a total of 824,000 men in the United States for discharge, an increase of nearly 200,000 in the last week. General March made it clear, however, that designation of troops does not mean immediate discharge, as the service is being demobilized.

Among the new branches of the army to be included in the order are 2500 Porto Rican troops.

Of the total of 824,000 men designated, 352,000 are in depot and demobilization battalions and similar units. In 18,000 men on inactive furlough have been ordered home.

Demobilization of officers is proceeding more rapidly than is the case with the men. General March said a total of 17,203 officers had been honorably discharged since the armistice.

Summarizing the flow of returning troops from France, General March said a total of 5,653 officers and 135,000 men had been designated for return by General Pershing up to December 12.

Of that number 1,373 officers and 50,000 men have actually sailed from France.

EXORBITANT DEMANDS

Standard Republican.

It would be idle to deny that a public impression must be made up of the way the government handles the war. The impression is being made by the staggering demands for money and material.

It is true that a small loophole is left in the bill, but it is a loophole which represents it in the attraction of the indemnity program to the British imperial commission to investigate Germany's capacity to pay.

It was this commission, and not the five points, the gist of which was that Germany must pay the cost of the war. Yet the commission had already declared that Germany must pay to the limit of its capacity, and be now the commission is saying that Germany's capacity is equal to the cost of the war.

The entire cost of the world war must be made do so, Lloyd George also put Great Britain's bill at a figure named by the Daily News at \$40,000,000,000, making the bill of allies about \$120,000,000,000.

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ARMISTICE NOW PROLONGED TO JANUARY 17

By the Associated Press. Copenhagen, Dec. 13.—The German armistice has been extended until 5 o'clock on the morning of January 17, according to a dispatch from Treves, where the delegates of the various countries have been in conference. This prolongation, it is added, will be extended until the establishment of a preliminary peace, subject to ratification by the allies.

MRS. VANCE STAFFORD PASSES AWAY IN OHIO

Taylorville, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Vance Stafford, who went to Cincinnati, Ohio, three weeks ago, to join her husband, died of influenza Monday. Her remains arrived at Hickory Tuesday and were taken to the home of her father, J. V. Huffman in Catawba county. The funeral was held at Friendship church, this county, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and she was buried by the side of her husband who was buried Monday.

The message received by relatives here announcing Mrs. Stafford's death, stated that Mrs. Stafford and their two small daughters, had influenza but were able to be up and her death was a great shock to relatives here. Her sister, Miss Blanche Huffman, who accompanied her to Cincinnati, and another sister, Miss Bessie, who has lived here for some time, are sick. Their uncle, J. L. Hammer of this county went there to nurse them some days ago.

Deceased was about 26 years of age.

Rufus E. Barnes who is in training at Fort Sam Houston, Antonio, Texas, is spending a few days with his father, W. L. Barnes who is desperately ill at the home of his brother, J. B. Barnes.

Mrs. Lily Bowers, widow of A. J. Bowers, who was accidentally shot by her son Saturday died Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The funeral and burial services were conducted at Liberty Methodist church at 11 o'clock Friday by Rev. Elbert J. Edwards, pastor of Liberty church. Deceased was a daughter of the late Peter Sloop of this county, and was 51 years of age. Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Hunter Blankenship and Mrs. S. Cline of this county and a son, Burrus Bowers who lived with his mother. Deep sympathy is felt for this 13 year old boy, who is a devoted son and is deeply grieved over the accident.

Mrs. Molly Johnson McLeod wife of R. B. McLeod of Ellendale township died of typhoid fever at her home in Ellendale township Thursday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock after an illness of three weeks. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Johnson of Ellendale township and was 26 years of age. Surviving her are her husband, parents, three small sons, four brothers and two sisters. The funeral and burial service was conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. J. Bumgarner at Three Forks Baptist church.

HAVE X-RAY MACHINE

Drs. Hicks and Hicks, dentists, are installing a modern X-ray machine to assist them in the practice of their profession. The new machine is one of the latest made.

WILL SEND MISSION TO PROBE ATROCITIES

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—America and the allied countries have agreed to send a special civilian mission to Poland to investigate reports of atrocities committed in that country. It was announced at the state department today that his step had been decided upon at the instigation of the French government and had been approved by Polish representatives in the various countries.

BIG BILL'S LOYALTY

New York World.

Lovers of loyalty cannot fail to admire the efforts of Chairman Hays of the Republican national committee to oust Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson of Chicago as a member of that committee for having failed to support Medill McCormick for senator in the late election. It was all right for "Big Bill" to oppose the war, to oppose sending troops to France and for his newspaper to assail the president until his attitude became a national scandal; that is it must have been all right for the Republican national committee to take no action. But when "Big Bill" is accused of disloyalty to the Republican party, then he must pay the extreme penalty, for that is the unpardonable party crime. Presumably the experience of Senator-elect McCormick as a bull moose in 1912 is forgotten.

Mr. Auburn Setzer, who has been in Y. M. C. A. work has returned home.

SOME MINISTERS DISLOYAL TO COUNTRY

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—German Lutheran pastors were instructed to preach pro-German sermons before the United States entered the war. Captain Lester of the army intelligence service told the senate propaganda committee today and some of the pastors who joined the army and continued preaching favorably to Germany now are in the Atlanta penitentiary.

On the other hand, Captain Lester said, other Lutheran ministers were wholly loyal and aided in giving the government information. He said representatives of the larger German Lutheran synods informed the intelligence service unfortunately some ministers were disloyal and that steps were being taken to get them out of the church.

Describing unsuccessful efforts of German propagandists among American negroes, the witness said word was passed among the negro recruits that if Germany won and occupied the United States a portion of the country would be turned over to them exclusively.

COLORED PORTER IS HELD FOR LARCENY

Walter Perry of Chicago, negro porter on a troop train that carried 160 wounded soldiers from France through Hickory to the mountains, was arrested in Hickory this morning by Chief of Police Lantz on complaint of the captain of the soldiers that the porter, in connivance with a Richmond negro had made away with a grip containing \$500 of money belonging to the soldiers. The alleged theft occurred in Richmond and the men were broke when they passed through here about 7 o'clock and were overjoyed at having a good breakfast ready for them, prepared by the canteen during the early hours of the morning.

Perry says he had nothing to do with the theft of the grip and money. He said while the train was in Richmond, a soldier came to him and informed him that another negro was in his locker. Later the other negro, a porter likewise, was seen to run from the train by three other soldiers, according to Perry.

No action was taken by the captain of the train until it reached Hickory, according to Perry.

Fortunately for the soldiers, the Hickory canteen had prepared them a good breakfast and they were delighted with the service here.

COTTON CONSUMED DURING NOVEMBER

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Cotton consumed during November amounted to 457,376 running bales of lint and 63,925 bales of linters, the census bureau announced today.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Dec. 14.—The cotton market showed a firmer tone this morning. The census reports proved more bullish than had been expected on the basis of private reports published last week. This led to considerable covering, while there was also buying for Liverpool and New Orleans accounts on which the market opened steady at a decline of three points to an advance of seven points and sold about 20 to 40 points net higher shortly after the call.

	Open	Close
January	25.98	26.35
March	25.00	25.25
May	24.13	24.55
July	23.45	24.00
October	21.65	22.02
Hickory Cotton	25.00	25.00

FIVE THOUSAND MORE ARE TO COME HOME

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—The designation of 172 additional officers and 4,845 men by General Pershing for early return home was announced today by the war department. The largest unit included is the 51st regiment, coast artillery, with 70 officers and 1,770 men.

MASONS, ATTENTION

Hickory lodge, No. 343, A. F. and A. M., will meet at 7:30 Monday evening. Business of importance will be transacted, including the election of a successor to Worshipful Master F. L. Moore, resigned.

D. L. MILLER, Senior Warden.

Mr. Clarence L. Whitener has received a letter from his son, Mr. Eubert Whitener, saying that he was in the great allied fleet that accepted the surrender of the German ships. The young man on the battleship Florida, has already sailed for New York and will be in the grand review in New York Christmas.

Prof. M. L. Sherrill, principal of the Grandview school, said yesterday afternoon that the influenza situation had not affected the attendance of this school, the enrollment being about 68 and the daily attendance ranging from 60 to 61. Only one family has the disease, and it has not spread to the other children.

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Rain tonight and Sunday. Colder tonight in the extreme west portion, somewhat colder Sunday, moderate south and southeast winds.

LOCAL CHURCHES TO HOLD ONE SERVICE

Hickory pastors tomorrow will hold only one service—at 10 o'clock—and there will be no Sunday school at any of the churches.

The ministers decided on Wednesday morning, following the action of council Tuesday night in closing the schools, that they would hold the one service on Sunday until January, when it was hoped the situation would be normal again.

All the churches have been thoroughly ventilated and every precaution will be taken. It is not believed there will be any danger from attending church tomorrow.

MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN FUND GROWS RAPIDLY

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Yesterday was a "red letter" day for the endowment of the alumnae chair in Meredith college of this city \$1,225 in cash, notes and War Savings securities having come into the hands of the treasurer, Miss Marshbanks, from two classes, 1909 and 1916 of which Miss Margaret Bright of New Hill and Miss Irene Johnson of Mt. Airy are campaign managers.

The Meredith alumnae are attempting to raise \$25,000 during the general campaign to raise a million dollars for the Baptist school of the state, with which to endow an alumnae chair in that institution. In the 16 years of its history this is the first time the alumnae association of Meredith college has ever attempted to do anything as a complete organization. Each class has been organized as a unit and is at work in earnest to raise its full quota.

To the present graduating class of 1919 goes the honor of having reached the goal first, registering itself 100 per cent efficient. Every member of the class made a contribution to the endowment and gave all that was asked of her. At the beginning of the Million Dollar Campaign the present student body at Meredith and the faculty subscribed over \$6,000. Many heroic, and even pathetic sacrifices have been made by the loyal daughters of Meredith that the full amount of their quota may be reached. There is no doubt about their ultimate success.

RUTH ROLAND IN HANDS UP AT PASTIME MONDAY

Episode No. 6 of "Hands Up" will be shown at the Pastime Monday, episode No. 5 left Echo and Hands Up in a mighty tight place, and now they get into it even more. Hold on to your seat we're off!

The Inca Indians receive word their King is dead and in the absence of Prince Pampa the Grand Envoy is made Regent. He immediately makes known his intention of visiting Peru and must take the Princess Divina with him. Accordingly the Incas attack the "Strange" Ranch where the cowboys put up some fight. Judith escapes with Echo to the stagecoach driven by Peacot Charlie who is in reality a member of Killman's band of outlaws. The escape is discovered by the Incas who set out in pursuit of the stage, which goes at a break-neck pace over the mountain roads. Peacot Charlie is shot for his seat and the horses are driven wild by the reins dangling around their feet. The stage plunges headlong into a mountain torrent and Echo disappears just as the "Strange" cowboys appear on the scene. She is recaptured by the Incas and informed she is to be taken on board a ship at night for the voyage to Peru.

VOCIFEROUS WELCOME IS GIVEN WILSON IN PARIS

Presidents of United States and France Exchange Greetings—Parisians Cheer American Executive as He Passes Through Street Lined With French Troops to Residence

SENATE SCRAPS ON NEWBERRY ELECTION

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Presentation to the senate today of the formal election credentials of Truman H. Newberry of Michigan, the Republican senatorial candidate, who defeated Henry Ford, Democrat, resulted in a controversy which culminated in withdrawal of the credentials for the present.

Church Directory

Church of the Ascension
Rev. S. B. Stroup, rector.
Third Sunday in Advent.
There will be no Sunday school, morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. All are invited.

First Baptist
W. R. Bradshaw, pastor.
Preaching at 11 o'clock by pastor. Subject: "Helpful words."

As this is the only service we will have it is hoped that as many as possible of our congregation will be present.

Corinth Reformed
Walter W. Rowe, pastor.
11 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon by pastor.
Subject: "Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet."
3 p. m. Services at Brookford.
The public is cordially invited to worship with us.

First Presbyterian
The only service of the day will be the 11 o'clock sermon by the Rev. Ed. deF. Heald of the Episcopal church. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

St. Paul's Lutheran
J. E. Barb, pastor.
Service at 11 o'clock.

St. Andrews
Rev. J. C. Peery, pastor.
Preaching services at 11 a. m. No Sunday school nor evening service.

LETTER FROM SANTA CLAUS

North Pole, Dec. 14, 1918.
Jack, Pauline, Mildred, and Gladys, Hickory, North Carolina.
Dear Youngsters:

I am mighty glad that you thought enough of me to write those letters. The paper you used was great, with pictures of a little girl and boy playing in the yard among the flowers. You know that I have been so busy making things, toys, candies, dolls and other things for the little boys and girls in France and Belgium whose fathers were killed by the mean old Germans that I have not decided what to give you Christmas.

Your letters came just in time. However, I felt mighty bad when you did not ask me to bring you a certificate of membership in the Red Cross. You see the Red Cross helps me a lots in making things for the poor little girls and boys whose daddies have been killed and I thought you would want to be a member of the Red Cross so you can help those poor kids. I expect you just forgot to say anything about that.

Say, youngsters put stamps on your next letters. You know that I have the flu and that mean old postmaster down there will not let me have your letters until I go down there and pay him three cents for each letter. This weather is so bad and my doctor is so cross, that I am afraid if I have to make another trip before Christmas I will have a "set-back" and might get so sick I could not come to see you Christmas. Put your name and street address on the back of your envelope, that will help me a lots in my work on Christmas eve.

There is one other thing I want you to do. The people of Hickory have been burning so much wood this year that the chimneys have gotten mighty black on the inside. Won't you leave some warm water in a bowl, a towel and some soap near the fireplace so I can wash my hands and face? If you will, I won't get any black soot and dirt on your Christmas things.

SANTA CLAUS.

Lieut. Claud Abernethy of the aviation has arrived home, having been honorably discharged from the service.

GERMAN REICHSTAG IS CALLED TO MEET

By the Associated Press. Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—Konstantine Fehrenbach, president of the reichstag, has convoked a meeting of that assembly, reserving further indication of the time and place of meeting, according to a report from Berlin.